Statement

Details of amount given as grant by the Ministry to the State Government of Maharashtra for various projects

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Amount released/ allocated during the last three years
1	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	486 82
2	Association of STs and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis	17.78
3.	National River Conservation Plan	5246.00
4.	National Lake Conservation Plan	570.00
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	42:37
6.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Projects Scheme	101.07
7.	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	66.00
8.	Forest Fire Control & Management/Integrated Forest Protection Scheme	238.92
9.	Project Tiger	1059.47
10.	Eco Development Project	46 40
11.	Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs)	523.80
12.	National Afforestation Programme	1863.00

Financial Assistance for Conservation and Management of Bio-Diversity

1833. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has taken up with the Central Government in regard to financial assistance of the order of

Rs 55 lakhs for Conservation and Management of Bio-diversity in coastal districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when the approval to the proposal is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All proposals for conservation of bio-diversity received from various State Governments are examined as per the laid down procedures and guidelines.

Deaths due to animals attacks

1834. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI. Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have died in attacks by animals in different parts of the country during the last two years,

(b) whether it is a fact that leopards, tigers, wolves and elephants are attacking human beings in different parts of the country because of encroachment of the protected land; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop the encroachment and punish the encroachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA). (a) The information on the number of people who have died in encounter with wild animals, as reported by States/UTs, is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) The attacks on human beings by wild animals are due to human settlements/activities in and around wildlife habitats. Encroachments of forest land is one such activity which has adverse effect on habitats/ corridors of wild animals.

(c) The Central Government have, *vide* taits letter dated 3-5-2002, issued detailed guidelines to all the State/UT Governments for eviction of all in-eligible encroachers from the forest lands.